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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

10/822,767

Applicant(s)

FUJIMAKI ET AL.

Examiner

Jack I. Berman

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                       |
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-10, 12, 17, 23, and 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu et al. in view of Yasushi et al. for the reasons explained in the previous Office action.

Claims 11, 15, 16, 21, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu et al., Yasushi et al., and either Moyers et al. or Hernandez et al. for the reasons explained in the previous Office action.

Claims 13, 14, 18-20, 24, 25, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu et al., Yasushi et al., and Huntziger for the reasons explained in the previous Office action.

Applicant's arguments filed March 12, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's assertion that Chu et al. and Yasushi et al. do not teach or suggest

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changing the position of the second scatterer and its thickness depending on the size of the irradiation field is incorrect. As was pointed out in the previous Office action, Chu et al. clearly teaches at the paragraph beginning in the right-hand column on page 2082 to provide a second scatterer for use with a particle beam having a larger beam width, which inherently provides a larger irradiation field, at a position that is upstream of the position for a second scatterer for use with a particle beam having a smaller beam width with its correspondingly smaller irradiation field. The different beam widths referred to in this paragraph inherently require adapting the collimator for the varying irradiation fields (beam widths) since it is the collimator that defines the irradiation field, as can be seen in FIGS. 35 and 36 of the article. As was also explained in the previous Office action, although Chu et al. does not teach how the position of the second scatterer could be varied, Yasushi et al. teaches, at paragraphs [0136]-[0139] of the translation provided by the applicant, that the position of a scatterer can be varied by providing a plurality of scatterers, each of which may comprise a table on which a plurality of different scattering films of different thicknesses from one another are mounted, at different locations and to choose which scatterer to used based upon the degree of scattering desired with the position of the chosen scatterer being further upstream of the direction of travel of the charged particle beam when more scattering is required to form a beam with a larger diameter, which is yet another way of saying that the beam has a larger irradiation field size. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to use Yasushi et al.'s system of plural alternatively selected scatterers of different thicknesses at different positions along the direction of travel of the charged particle beam to effect the desired function of changing the position of the second scatterer taught by Chu et al.

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

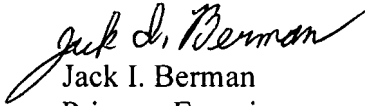
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jack I. Berman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2468. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (8:30-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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